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FROM US REP MBFR

A MUCH STRONGER COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATE A QUESTION THAN IF SOME-
THING WAS TO BE " CONSIDERED." FRG REP THOUGHT THAT IN THE
CONTEXT OF THE AGENDA ADD- ON LANGUAGE AS IT STOOD, THE FORMER
PHRASE WAS STRONGER. THOMSON CONCLUDED THAT THE EMISSARIES
COULD KEEP THE " CONSIDERED" TERMINOLGOY AS A FALLBACK SHOULD THE
SOVIETS OBJECT TO THE OTHER LANGUAGE.

7. DURING FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE TEXT,
CANADAIAAN REP (GRANDE) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES THOUGHT THAT
THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD NOT DEVOTE EXCESSIVE TIME TO AN ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN THE WORD " BALANCED" IN THE COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID THAT

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THEY FELT THAT IF THE ALLIES COULD GET A SPECIFIC DATE IN THE SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER FRAMEWORK BY SACRIFICING THE TERM " BALANCED," THEN THE SACRIFICE SHULD BE MADE. HE SOLICITED THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER AD HOC GROUP MEMBERS. THE FRG REP ADVISED KEEPING THE TWO QUESTIONS OF TIMING AND BALANCE ENTIRELY SEPARATE. THE US REP AGREED, JUDGING THAT IF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO AGREE ON A DATE, GIVING IN ON BALANCE WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS AND WILL ONLY GIVE AWAY THE BALANCE POINT WITHOUT GETTING ANYTHING IN RETURN. THE NETHERLANDS REP AGREED, ALLOWING THAT SHOULD THE SOVIETS AGREE TO A DATE LEAVING BALANCE AS THE ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUE, THEN THE ALLIES SHOULD SERIOUSLY RECONSIDER THEIR INSISTENCE ON INCLUDING THE BALANCE TERMINOLOGY IN THE COMMUNIQUE. THE ITALIAN AND BELGAIN REPS JOINED IN THIS ASSESSMENT. THE FRG REP ADDED ONE FURTHER ELEMENT TO THE APPARENT CONSENSUS, NOTING THAT THE ONLY ELEMENT THAT SHOULD BE TRADED FOR THE TERM " BALANCE" WOULD BE SOME OTHER LANGUAGE THAT ATTEMPTED TO MAKE THE SAME POINT WITHOUT USING THE SAME WORD.

8. THE GROUP ALSO HELD A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE ORDER OF SENTENCES IN THE OPERATIVE SECTIONS OF A COMMUNIQUE. MOST REPS AGREED THAT THE SENTENCES SHOULD BE BROKEN INTO TWO PARAGRAPHS AND ORDERED TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT NO FINAL AGENDA HAD BEEN AGREED. THE GROUP LEFT IT TO THE EMISSARIES TO TRY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TWO OBJECTIVES.

9. FUTURE WORK. THE GROUP DISCUSSED THE VARIETY OF REPORTS AND PAPERS THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED BY AD RE AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST

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